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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, KS, AS, JA

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REFS: (A) CANBERRA 628, (B) STATE 14651, (C) SEOUL 804.

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